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FROM: JUDGE LARRY W. ALLEN
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TO: SUPERVISING JUDGES

SUBJECT: TEMPORARY JUDGE WAIVER

As many of you know, there have been significant changes in the rules relating to temporary judges.

We currently have the required training in process and by mid-October, we will have trained approximately 120 attorneys in the basic subjects of bench conduct and ethics. The attorneys will also be required to complete substantive courses in the areas they will serve, but those may be completed on-line and they are being given that information.

Most of the new rules take effect January 1, 2007; however, there are a number of them which took effect on July 1, 2006. Among them is Rule 243.20, which is attached. I was under the incorrect belief this was one of the January 2007 rules. The limitations of 243.20(b) would severely hamper our use of temporary judges. Fortunately the rule does permit a waiver of the limitations upon a finding of good cause. I have made such a finding and a copy of it is attached. This should give us until the first of the year to further consider how best to deal with the situations.

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attachments

cc: Judge Cynthia Ludvigsen
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